

## PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT



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### **PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

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A regular meeting was held on **May 16, 2011**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Katers at 1:32 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Acting Chair  
Mark Vanden Busch, Secretary  
Chuck Rhyner  
Norb Dantinne  
Mike Fleck  
Mike Van Lanen (arrived at 1:33pm)  
Bud Harris

Not Present/Excused: Jim Rasmussen, Acting Vice-Chair

Also Present: Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.  
Chad Doverspike, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.  
Chris Anderson, Foth  
Ron Van Straten, Foth  
Craig Berndt, Allouez  
Donna Deer, Bellevue

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Norb Dantinne and seconded by Mike Fleck.** Unanimously approved.

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes April 18, 2011

**A motion to approve the April 18, 2011 meeting minutes was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Norb Dantinne.** Unanimously approved.

5. Landfill Updates

- Gas-to Energy

Two Cat engines are at the East Landfill Gas-to-Energy facility running at 310 cubic feet per minute. The flow has been decreasing since 2005. In 2005 leachate coming out of the landfill was at 9M gallons and gas flow at 850 cubic feet per minute. In 2010 leachate was at 5M gallons gas flow 400 cubic feet per minute. Research done by Foth has determined these are literally related.

A waste stabilization plan for a landfill is to re-inject leachate into the landfill to get the anaerobic bacteria to produce methane. A plan modification for the East Landfill to re-inject leachate in the south end of the landfill is being considered. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to date has not allowed a closed landfill to perform a waste stabilization plan. If approval is received from the WDNR, Brown County will be the first landfill to attempt this. Staff met with the WDNR two months ago and at that time the WDNR seemed receptive. Staff is asking for an expedited plan modification of 45 days. Staff is hoping to get the gas flow back to where it needs to be and to run both engines at full load or more. Staff explained how the procedure will be performed. About \$40,000 per year is spent on treatment.

- East Landfill Leachate Recirculation Project

- BOW Landfill

In past meetings staff discussed the situation of landfill rotation. Winnebago is quickly filling up. Transition to Outagamie will begin in 2012. A fluff layer will be put on the Outagamie Landfill later this summer prior to closure. Staff does not want to decrease the volume to Winnebago. These two landfills will be open for months and months and double costs are being incurred. Staff is trying to figure this out. It is likely Brown County will transition into the Outagamie Landfill sometime this fall at the latest. Brown County will see a decrease in hauling costs by half to Winnebago. Staff is not aware of what the Outagamie County tip fees are yet. Winnebago was an existing landfill when the BOW agreement began in 2002. Outagamie will be the northeast expansion of a new landfill. Road weight limits were removed on Saturday morning at midnight. Staff noted that the Badgerland Truck hauling mixed containers from our facility to Winnebago was involved in a multi-car pileup last week on Hwy 41 but was not the cause of it.

## 6. Recycling Updates

- WI Budget & Budget Repair Bills

Staff originally anticipated more developments in Madison on the budget. Last week the Joint Finance Committee was going to take up the 2012-2013 Budget. However, staff has not heard anything so there is little to report on the State budget at this time. Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin, Council on Recycling, Solid Waste Association, and the Wisconsin County Solid Waste Managers sent a letter to the Governor and Legislature with their recommendations. On May 3, 2011 there was a Council on Recycling meeting and as a result of that meeting a number of recommendations were made to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). One recommendation was to support replacing the current recycling grant formula for responsible units with a per capita version. The WDNR said most likely a consolidation effort was going to be made with the legislature. The WDNR recommended 25,000 as the minimum to be qualified as an RU for 2013. The Council on Recycling made a motion that if the WDNR is going to consolidate to lower the minimum requirement it should be to 10,000. The Council on Recycling also made a recommendation that the WDNR support a funding study to look at ways to increase recovery rates and effectiveness of recycling programs, improve efficiencies, minimize program and administrative costs, and create a reliable and sustainable funding management system after identifying and comparing options. A recommendation was also made to reiterate the support for keeping the full \$7 per ton

surcharge, placed on all solid waste being landfilled, for recycling purposes only. If need be, the business recycling surcharge could be credited to the segregated recycling renewable energy fund. The four groups mentioned above also sent a letter which was summarized by staff for the Board. It is likely there will be not be any grants in 2014. Staff met with Brown County's responsible units to provide this information to them.

- Responsible Unit Consolidation  
Comments were received from members of the audience.

7. Household Hazardous Waste - Update

Staff provided updates on the collections at Hazardous Waste. Brown County received the first payment for contracted disposal of electronics. Goodwill is adding the collection of electronics, except televisions, at no charge to their program. Brown County's cost of \$0.20 per pound will remain in effect for residents, however, staff noted the City of DePere, St. Vincent DePaul and the City of Green Bay are being charged the residential rate of \$0.20 per pound not the business rate of \$0.40 per pound. One of the HHW Aides will be on short-term disability for rotator cuff surgery. Other staff will assist at HHW during this time. Also, the student intern will start full-time tomorrow.

8. Director's Report

- New County Executive  
County Executive Troy Streckenbach is implementing several new ideas to find ways to reduce the budget deficit:
  - Cluster Meetings:  
Department heads by area meet to discuss ways to improve efficiency and come up with innovative ways of operating and marketing our services prior to the 2012 budget sessions.
  - Program Inventory Worksheet  
Staff is to put together a list of all the programs offered, our audience, how operated, etc. This will be used as a planning tool going into the County Budget for 2012.
  - Capital Improvement Worksheet  
Any projects over \$250,000 over the next five years are to be listed. Staff noted for the Port & Solid Waste Department those would be Renard Island Closure and Cat Island Restoration Project.
  - Table of Organization Changes  
Each department is to identify their employees and job descriptions.
  - State of Department Meetings  
Each department along with Human Resources will meet to justify how each department is set up.
  - Budget Kick-Off  
On July 6, 2011 there will be a budget kick-off where department heads will be given the budget information and requirements needed to reduce Brown County's budget. Department heads are to submit their budgets between July 17 through July 29. Between August 8 and August 26 meetings the Executive will meet with department heads to discuss their budget submissions.

Board members who would like to work with staff on the budget are welcome to do so. Staff will provide any available information regarding the 2012 budget at the June 20, 2011 Solid Waste Board meeting.

- Highway 41 Upgrade

Governor Walker has promoted this project for business purposes. The project is expected to be completed by 2015 or 2016. Staff has been in contact with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) in the past expressing concern that most interstate highways do not allow overweight trucking. Currently Brown County saves on fuel expenses by having compacted loads and interstate trucking for waste transported from the Waste Transfer Station. The Board asked staff to present specific numbers relating to extra fuel usage, environmental impact, etc.

- New Signage

A new sign is being installed in front of the recycling facility. Numerous comments have been made from visitors regarding the difficulty in locating the office for the Port of Green Bay. Since this facility is no longer a recycling facility but rather a transfer station, that information should be updated also.

- Jim Rasmussen

An email was sent to everyone with notification that Jim Rasmussen has resigned from the Solid Waste Board after 21-1/2 years of service; 15 of those years as Chair. The Board would like to recognize Mr. Rasmussen's years of dedicated service.

Staff requested names of anyone who may be interested and qualified to fill this position on the Solid Waste Board. The Board suggested an email be sent to the League of Women Voters.

- Ray Kopish

Ray Kopish was appointed by County Executive Hinz to fill the vacant urban seat on the Solid Waste Board. The County Board did not approve the appointment in order to allow the new county executive the opportunity to review the appointment prior to Board approval.

9. Closed Session

19.85 (1)(e): Deliberating or negotiating...pertaining to municipal solid waste agreements and fees.

**Roll call vote:**

Present: John Katers, Acting Chair  
Mark Vanden Busch, Secretary  
Chuck Rhyner  
Norb Dantinne  
Mike Fleck  
Mike Van Lanen  
Bud Harris

Not Present/Excused: Jim Rasmussen, Acting Vice-Chair

During closed session discussed were issues related to the municipal solid waste agreement and fees.

10. Revised Brown County Port and Solid Waste Fees – Request for Approval  
**A motion to correct rate structure to cost/total tons was made by Bud Harris and seconded by Chuck Rhyner.** Unanimously approved.

**A motion to convert existing rate structure based on total estimated annual operation costs advised by total estimated annual tonnage to one that calculates a per ton price to a system that rewards committed tonnage by providing an artificial \$5 per ton benefit over all other tonnage delivered was made by Bud Harris and seconded by Chuck Rhyner.** There was no discussion. Unanimously approved.

11. Such Other Matters as Authorized  
Two weeks ago Ernie Earbar died. Mr. Earbar worked for UWGB-extension and shared a Brown County Solid Waste Planning Committee which was the predecessor for the Board. He was also involved in with the committee that was set up to borrow the money to get the landfill. He was very instrumental in identifying people to serve on the first board.

12. Adjourn  
**A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Van Lanen.** Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

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John Katers, Acting Chair  
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director  
Port & Solid Waste Department